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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-15, 19, 21, 24-26 and 28-30 remain in this application. Claims 1-15 and 28-30 have been withdrawn.

The examiner has rejected claims 16-18, 20, 22, 23 and 27 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by *Wang, et al.* (US Patent No. 6,291,872).

The examiner has objected to claims 19, 21 and 24-26 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration of the above noted rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC 102(e):

The rejected claims have been canceled by the above amendments, thereby curing the grounds for the rejections.

Allowable Claims:

By the above amendments, claims 19, 21 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 25 and 26 depend from newly independent claim 24, so they have not been amended herein.

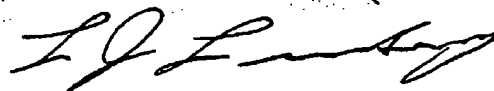
Conclusion:

For the reasons specifically discussed above, and others, it is believed that **claims 19, 21 and 24-26** define patentable subject matter. Reconsideration of the previous rejections as they might apply to these claims is therefore respectfully

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requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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